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Paper Read by Mrs. A. K. Zartman Upon the Occasion of the First Anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society of Grace Church, March 8, 1891.

During the winter of 1880 a precious revival visited one of the prominent churches of Portland, Maine, and many souls were born into the kingdom, among whom were a great many young people.

The pastor, Rev. F. E. Clark, had been holding a Sunday-school prayer-meeting, and at some of these meetings, the spirit of God so operated upon the hearts of the children and young people that many arose for the prayers of the church, and expressed a desire to forsake the world and follow Christ. These young people came into the Church, and made such an impression upon the Pastor and membership that the question soon presented itself, "How shall we assist these young Christians to grow in grace, and give them something to do in the vineyard?" The earnest Pastor called a meeting for Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, 1881, requesting all the young people of his congregation to be present, many responded and the parsonage was well filled. Mr. Clark presented a small book containing what is now the Constitution of the Christian Endeavor Society. It was unanimously adopted, and putting a stylographic pen into the book, he started it upon its journey from one to the other. Mr. Pennel, who was the first one to sign the Christian endeavor pledge, was present at this meeting. He had gone there with his Sabbath-school class of boys. When these boys were asked to sign the constitution, they all said, if Mr. Pennel does, we will. Mr. Pennel's ready reply was, all right, and after putting down his name, fifty eight others signed as active members, and five as associate. Mr. Pennel was then 46 years old. He is now 56, and is still a member. Thus was organized the first Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor.

It should give us pleasure to pause at this, the ten year mile-stone of its existence and consider the history and onward progress of this, one of the grandest organizations of the church.

Thirty years ago a christian lady gathered a few children together in a schoolhouse on the eastern slope of the

city of Portland, on Sunday afternoon, to instruct them out of God's word. Two years later the Congregational Church took up this enterprise as a branch of its work. In 1866 a little chapel was built. In 1873 a congregation of twenty-two members was organized, none of them having any wealth. In 1876 Rev. Francis Clark became its pastor, and two years later a commodious house of worship was built. In 1881 the Lord sent the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in answer to fervent and persistent prayer. The hearts of the members of this congregation, as well as many out of the church, were awakened, and the Society of Christian Endeavor was born of this revival. It was the outcome of a real felt necessity, that of training aright the young Christians who might otherwise stray away.

The second society was organized in Newburyport, Mass., by Rev. C. P. Mills, in the same year the movement originated. For some years little was done in a systematic way to organize societies. The first conference was held in the Williston church, Portland, Maine, in June, 1882. The second in June, 1883. A large growth over the preceding year was noted. Statistics show that there were fifty-eight societies with a membership of 2,630. Five were organized in '81, twenty-five in '82, and twenty-seven in the first five months of '83.

The next convention was held in '84. One hundred and fifty-one societies reported a membership of 6,414. The next year the membership more than doubled itself. In June, 1880, at the grand convention at St. Louis there were 8,000 delegates present, from thirty-seven states, territories and provinces; 11,013 societies, with a membership of over 700,000, were reported. Who cannot see the hand of Almighty God in this work. It is to his power and wisdom that we ascribe the glory and honor of the prosperity of this Christian Endeavor movement. He has raised up an army of 784,000 young Christians, full of the vigor of youth, full of activity and enthusiasm, to lift high the banner of his religion, and to proclaim Christ to the world. The good resulting from the Christian Endeavor Movement is manifest in many different ways. 'Tis true there are out few who are standing off and objecting, and prophesying

in regard to its future. A minister, who, we are glad to say does not live in this city, recently made the following remark: "This Christian Endeavor movement wont last much longer." Well, why not praise it for the good it has done? It is, however, not dying very fast, according to the latest reports. Another objection, perhaps kindly offered, is this. "These new fangled ways in the church cannot be productive of much lasting good." The Society of Christian Endeavor, the Ladies Home and foreign missionary societies, evangelistic work, etc., are all "too new" to amount to much. Those converted through such influences will not be steadfast. Well, let me ask a question: Is not the wheat cut with a reaper just as good as that cut with a sickle fifty years ago? If not, why not still use the sickle? There are always some who want to stand off and object. If a blessed revival is kindled, they call it excitement; when special services are announced, they doubt their expediency; when the systematic envelope system was introduced, they had no faith in it; if a mission is started, they predict its failure. So it has always been, Those who belong to this "moral hose company," are seldom pouring water on anything useless or dangerous, but are forever trying to pour a steady stream of cold water upon every good project. Would it not be better if such people would try to kindle a few fires of righteous zeal in their own hearts, in place of trying to put out their neighbors.

Listen what a prominent clergyman from Chicago says: "So far as this christian endeavor movement is concerned, I confess to you frankly, that I withstood it with all my might, so long as I could stand it. But I am not so stubborn or irrational as to fight against God, if I find that God is leading any great movement.

The Christian Endeavor movement, during its short existence, has been a mighty power for good. It has stimulated the spiritual life of thousands of individual churches, and given an incentive to Christian activity in the entire church. It has suggested possibilities of church work, never before dreamed of. It has planted in the hearts of the young, religious convictions and enthusiasms, and has set in

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motion these activities, that will give to the church of the next generation, better prayer-meetings, Christians better equipped with a knowledge of the Bible. It will furnish new missionaries who will forsake home and dear associations to carry the gospel into the heathen world.

It will replenish the treasures of our missionary boards. It will give us a generation of trained workers and witnesses and givers. The Christian endeavor pledge has lifted religious life from the realm of sentiment to that of duty.

The Rev. Dr. Deems, of New York City, says, "The Christian Endeavor Society has tended to cure promiscuous religions tramping and skirmishing, an evil that has been of great injury to the church of America." It tends to attach the young people to their own church. It has given them something to do at home. It brings about a concentration of effort, and prayer, and by their faithful attendance upon divine service, enables them to grow in grace, and become fixed in the faith and doctrines they profess.

This movement has taught Christians that no peculiar denomination can monopolize the grace of God. It is the missing link, at last found, that binds together the hearts of young Christians of all denominations and gives opportunity for delightful spiritual fellowship.

The history and work of the Christian Endeavor has indeed been marvelous, and we trust and firmly believe that the second decade of its history may be even more fruitful of good than the first has been.

To you, my dear young friends of the Christian Endeavor of Grace Church, would I especially address a few words of encouragement this evening. The tenth mile-stone of the United Society marks the first anniversary of our own organization. It is well that we take a survey of the work done by us during the swiftly flown months of the past year. It is said that the grand object of every Endeavor Society should be, to do all the good it can, in all the ways it can, to all the people it can whenever it can, and wherever it can. If we have come up to this the standard of Christian Endeavor work, then, indeed, can we rejoice. If we have not,

then let us go to God and implore his forgiveness, and with uplifted hearts may we seek the very throne of our great Master and ask his divine counsel and help, that we may come up to the fulfillment of our vows.

Our society should be a training school for the young, to true habits of witnessing for Christ, searching of the word, praying, giving, working for, and winning souls so that our church may be more efficient and fruitful in the service of Christ. The true spirit of the Christian Endeavor is evangelistic. Our work is for Christ and His church. We cannot be true to our mission without building up the church with those who are saved. Let us lift the standard of religious life, by living holy and blameless lives, and not bring it down upon a level with the world by indulging in sinful pleasures. Let us live in the pure sunlight of God's love and approval, and not linger in the shadows of sin and death. Let us drive wickedness out of our midst by inviting Jesus to dwell with us.

May this be the sentiment of every heart here to-night:

"Take my will, and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own—
It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store!
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for thee!"

Our collections at our Easter communion should, and must of necessity again be an extraordinary offering. Our communion occasions are extraordinary seasons of grace. We should therefore bring an extraordinary thank offering unto the Lord. The Easter season is one of extraordinary joy to the Lord's people, commemorating the triumph of our Lord over death and the grave. Should we not then, upon this occasion bring unto our victorious Lord a most liberal gift? To meet the current and benevolent expenses of the church, we must again have a liberal offering. Our last communion collection amounted to some over \$60.00. Does any one feel any the poorer for having given to the Lord then. If you gave in the right spirit, you have been blessed for giving. "Give and it shall be given unto you." Let us give more to the Lord at our next communion. Lay something aside in good time for this purpose.

Social and supper by the Young People's Society, Thursday evening, March 19th, at the church. Ladies' sewing all day and evening. Come and see these sewers sew, and have a good supper and a good social time, all for 15c.

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Our next communion service on Easter Sunday. Don't forget the date. Services each evening of the week previous.

Baptism of infants and adults and confirmation and reception of new members at the services on Easter morning, March 29.

Mother McClure will be glad to see any of our ladies' at her home, Douglas Avenue, No. 54. She is at present enjoying a visit from a sister of hers from Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Rust are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Piepenbrink, West Washington street. They will in all probability remain for some time, and we shall hope that our people will have the pleasure of hearing a number of sermons from Rev. Rust while in the city.

Some three or more months ago, Mother McClure, presented a quilt, patched with her own hands, to the Ladies' Society of Grace Church, and on Thursday, February 12, a number of the women met at the home of Mrs. James Louergan, 400 E. Wayne street, and to quilt the same. The ladies were pleasantly entertained, and had a good time. The quilt is to be disposed of later, and will be highly appreciated by the party who may purchase it, coming from the source it does.

Sabbath afternoons, March 12th and

22nd, at 3 o'clock, the pastor will hold children evangelistic services at the church. All the children of the church and Sabbath school, and others are invited to these services. The pastor would like to see two or three hundred children and young people at these meetings. Every one coming to these services will receive a memento with a scripture text. Parents are invited to come and bring their children. During the services of Easter week special attention will be given to work among the children and young people, and it is hoped that many may be led to Christ.

During the last week of Feb., the parsonage was converted into a variable hospital, the pastor's whole family being afflicted with severe attacks of LaGrippe. Dr. Ross, the attending physician, deserves much credit and praise for the skill and attention which he evinced in his treatment. Dr. Siver the city's specialist in the treatment of throat difficulties, &c., made a number of calls at the parsonage during this time and is deserving of equal praise for his skill and kindness. It is with pleasure that the *Visitor* speaks of these two physicians. They have shown the pastor's family no little kindness, and are both skilled, and rank among the very best in their professions in the city.

Sabbath, March 8th, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor celebrated its first anniversary. The attendance was large, and the services were interesting throughout. In the morning at 10:30 the pastor preached the anniversary sermon. Topic, the society's motto, "For Christ and the Church." Text, "Behold we have forsaken all, and followed Thee," Matt. 19, 27. In the evening the anniversary service proper was held. Papers were read as follows: "The Christian Endeavor Movement," Mrs. Zartman. This paper is published in this issue of the *Visitor*, and will be read with interest by all Endeavorers. The "Active Member," Miss Mollie Buckwalter. "Elements of the Pledge," Miss Emma Neireiter. These papers were all instructive, and abounded in excellent thoughts. Miss Lillie Walters read a poem, entitled "The Advancing Host," Miss May Cavault gave a recitation, "The Sweetest Gift." The choir furnished excellent music for both services. The Society is doing a good work, and it has a grand future before it. There are many other young people, who, we hope may soon join the ranks of these earnest workers. The society has now entered upon its second year of existence, and let this be a year of earnest toil.

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Mr. Muhn was born Dec. 25, 1842; was married to Ellen Jane Hartzel, January 16, 1864. This union was blessed in the birth of eight children, five sons, and three daughters, all of whom are still living. The deceased was a kind and loving husband and father, a good neighbor, and had many warm friends, and his death is lamented by the whole community. He became a member of the church at a very early period in life, and we trust that while he is now no more with the church on earth, he has been transplanted and is now among the redeemed of the church triumphant.

Mr. Muhn was aged at his death 49 years, 1 month and 21 days.

The funeral service took place on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17th, from the Salem Reformed Church, twelve miles north of the city. Though the weather was most disagreeable the church was insufficient to accommodate the people who came to attend these services. The bereaved wife and children have the sympathy of the pastor, and church, and whole community. We commend them to the loving care and goodness of our Heavenly Father, who is a husband to the widow and a father the fatherless.

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